



# Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department 2019 High School Intramural Soccer League Rules



## Registration

- Registration fee is \$90 per individual player.
- Individual players must register online on specified dates for season.
- Individuals must declare the team name that they are playing with or declare “Unattached”.  
All unattached players may be added to teams whose rosters are not full or they may be formed into one team of all unattached players.

## Deadlines

- Team Entry/Roster Form: Friday, August 23 *or until league fills (In Person Only at OVP)*
- Individual Player Registration: August 23 – August 30

## Required Team Meeting – Player/Captain/Student Team Manager must attend

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

Location: Oconee Veterans Park Community Center

Attendance: All teams’ managers must attend. If a team’s manager cannot attend, they must have a teammate fill in for them.

## Player Eligibility

- Age control date is September 1, 2019.
- All players must be 14-18 years old by the age control date.
- All players must either reside in or attend school in Oconee County (proof may be required).
- All players **MUST BE IN HIGH SCHOOL**, either at North Oconee, Oconee County, Athens Academy Prince Avenue, Westminster or homeschooled (homeschooled must reside in Oconee County).
- All players must have a parent or guardian initial the Concussion Policy and sign their Player Contract and waiver to be eligible to play.
- Players are only allowed to play on one (1) Intramural Team during the season.
- All players must be checked with proper ID by OCPRD staff at each game before participation.
- Each team is required to have at least two (2) females – league is coed.

## Player Contracts/Team Rosters

- Each player must complete, sign and turn in a Player Contract before he/she is eligible to play.
- Each team must complete a Team Roster to participate in the league.
- Rosters and contracts must be turned in on or before the required team meeting *or as indicated*.
- Team rosters must have a minimum of 7 players and the maximum is 12 players including 2 females.
- No names may be added to team roster until a player contract is completed, signed by all parties, and turned into the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Last day to drop and/or add players to the team roster is at kickoff of Game 2 of the regular season.
- Any player removed from a team roster may not be added to another team’s roster.
- Any illegal player will be removed from the program, the team captain may be suspended for one game or more, and the game will be recorded as a loss.
- Falsifying a player contract will result in suspension from the league.

**NOTE:** OCPRD reserves the right to refuse a team name provided by a team and require the team to provide a more appropriate team name for usage in the program.



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## Uniforms

- Jerseys will be supplied by OCPRD.
- Players must wear provided jersey to all games in order to participate.
- Players must wear their own jersey. Under no circumstances are players allowed to swap jerseys with other players before or during a game except for a Goalkeeper jersey switch.
- If an opposing manager, field supervisor, or official detect an illegal jersey, the player(s) entering the game will not be allowed to take the field and may be suspended from future play.

## Player Conduct

The Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department Code of Conduct presides over the program. Profane language or display of unsporting conduct will not be tolerated in the program. Any player not complying with this policy will be awarded a yellow card. The officials in charge of the game will determine the unsporting conduct; however, program supervisors witnessing inappropriate behavior or language may intervene and/or eject the player and/or spectator. The following additional provisions shall apply:

- A player or manager/sponsor receiving a Red Card during the course of a game will be automatically ejected from that game and will receive a one game suspension. Anyone receiving a red card must leave the premises (out of sight and sound). A two (2) point deduction from team standings will also be applied for each red card issued.
- Any player who receives four (4) or more yellow cards over the course of the season will be suspended one (1) game.
- Any player or manager/sponsor who receives two (2) Red Cards in a season will be ejected from the game and will be ineligible to continue play for the remainder of the season and all fees will be forfeited.
- Any player, manager and/or spectator involved in a fight in any aspect will automatically, at a minimum, be ejected from the game and suspended for the next two (2) scheduled games. Upon investigation by the governing body, the suspension may be longer or permanent.
- Any team receiving three (3) Red Cards during the course of the season will be ineligible to continue play for the remainder of the season and all fees will be forfeited.
- If a player or manager receives a suspension for the next game on the last game of the season, the suspension will be in effect in the first game scheduled the following season.
- Any player, manager and/or spectator who does or attempts to do bodily harm to an official or staff person will be immediately ejected from the game and facility and could possibly have criminal charges filed against him/her. In addition, the person will be removed from the program and banned from the Parks & Recreation Department facilities and programs for an indefinite period of time to be determined by the governing body.
- The field supervisor has control over the fields, games, participants and spectators. The field supervisor is responsible for seeing that spectators conduct themselves with a good sporting attitude and in a courteous manner. The field supervisor also has the authority to ask anyone, player, manager and/or spectator in violation of the rules to leave the premises.
- Playing on or hanging on soccer goals and/or nets is not allowed.
- Only team players and ONE non-player is allowed in the bench area.
- All spectators must sit on the sideline opposite the team benches.

Note: A player, coach and/or spectator ejected or suspended from a game must leave the premises, if possible. If person is unable to leave premises, the person must be “out of sight, out of sound”



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## Local Playing Rules:

All games will be played under National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules except where local rules supersede:

- Length of Game - Two-28 minute halves with a running clock. Exceptions will be serious injuries, unusual delays and timeouts. There will be a 5-minute break for half-time.
- Game will be played on a 240'x150' size field with 7' x 21' goals, and a 7 v 7 format (Goalkeeper is one of the seven players on field)
- Substitutions: unlimited; can be made at any dead ball and must be signaled onto the field by the referee.
- One girl must be on the field at all times. Each goal scored by a girl is recorded as 2 points.
- All restarts, except for Penalty Kicks are indirect – including corner kicks. Opposing teams must be 10 yards off the ball.
- There will be a 5-minute grace period before the first game of the day only. For all other games scheduled, game time is forfeit time. A team must forfeit if it cannot field five (5) players by the start time of the game. The program supervisor and officials are responsible for the official time.
- Due to field size, Goalkeepers may not punt or drop kick the ball past the midfield line. An Indirect Kick will be awarded to the opposing team at midfield if this occurs. No limitation on how far a goalie may throw the ball and keepers can kick the ball past midfield in the air if played from the ground. Other methods to distribute the ball such as; rolling, throwing etc. are permitted in place of a punt.
- Goal kicks may travel past the midfield line.
- Offside rule will be enforced.
- Slide tackling is **not** allowed.
- **NO** overtime periods during regular season games. A tie in a regular season game remains as a tie.
- Any team that forfeits three (3) games in a season or two (2) games in a row will automatically be removed from the league. Games forfeited due to multiple Red Cards will count. No refund of fees will be granted.
- Players may play for only one (1) team in the league.
- The governing body rules on player/manager/spectator conduct and suspension.
- The top four teams will make the end of season tournament. League Standings will determine seeding for Post Season Tournament Brackets.

## **League Standings & Tournament Details**

Standings are calculated based on a point system applied to regular season games. Tournament brackets will be seeded based on each team's total end of season points.

Win = 3 Points	Forfeit = 1-0 Win
Lose = 0 Points	Red Cards = 2 Point Deduction
Tie = 1 Points	

Team Tie Breaker Criteria (In Order):

- 1) Head to Head Record
- 2) Wins
- 3) Goal Differential – All Play (total goals scored minus total goals allowed)
- 4) Coin Toss



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### Post Season Overtime

Tournament overtime will consist of:

- Ten (10) minutes of Sudden Death OT play – 1<sup>st</sup> team to score wins.
- If no score has been made at the end of the 10 min OT and score remains tied, game advances to a shoot-out.
- Shootout Format – Five (5) shooters from each team. **Any** player will be eligible to shoot, including goalkeepers.
- Alternating kicks between teams.
- If a game is still tied after five (5) shooters from each team, the game will advance to a sudden death shootout consisting of five (5) NEW shooters.
- First to fall behind in sudden death shootout loses.

*The Oconee County Parks and Recreation Department will be the governing body of this league and will have final authority concerning all rules and decisions. All rules and guidelines for each league are subject to change by OCPRD during regular and post season.*